Kitchen & Bath | Decorative Hardware | by Dave Holbrook

New Line.

A whopping 130
decorative pieces
make up the new
Allison Cabinet
Hardware series. The
trend-driven designs are
sold in most major home centers and
hardware stores for about \$3 each.



Amerock, 800/435-6959,



Leather Look. The Paradigm Collection offers coordinated knobs,

pulls, towel bars, and more in metal and genuine leather. Finish variations include black leather or brown suede in polished chrome or brushed nickel. Prices range from \$22 for a cabinet knob to \$140 for a toiletries shelf.

Atlas Homewares, 800/799-6755, www.atlashomewares.com.





Happy Hardware. If you've got a client looking for whimsical cabinet hardware that wears its heart on its sleeve, look no further than HobKnobs' many offerings. Prices run from \$7.50 to \$22 apiece.

HobKnobs, 770/631-4080, www.hobknobs.net.

French Chic. Rich metal finishes

and jewel-faceted glass distinguish the coordinated cabinet knobs and door pulls in this French maker's Collection de Lalique (right) and Collection
Cristal (below). Put a



high-class finishing



touch on your clients' kitchen and bath for \$270 to \$790 per knob.

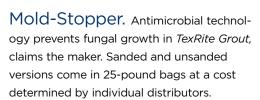
THG USA, 954/425-8225, www.thgusa.com.

Kitchen & Bath I Tile-Setting Problem-Solvers



Seamless Underlayment. Pour uneven subfloors flat with self-leveling *SL-150*, a polymer-modified cement designed for use under tile — ceramic, stone, or vinyl — hardwood, and carpet. The product can be used in thicknesses of up to one inch and hardens in about four hours. A 50-pound bag costs between \$17 and \$27, depending on the distributor; a one-gallon can of required universal primer costs about \$30.

Bostik, 888/592-8558, www.bostik-us.com.



Texas Cement Products, 800/669-0115, www.texrite.com.





Sure Stick. Here's a tile-setting mortar formulated to eliminate back-buttering and ensure 100 percent coverage for full, superior contact between tile and underlayment. Polymer-modified *Ultracontact* comes in 50-pound bags, mixes with five quarts of water, and can be walked on after 24 hours. Price varies by distributor.

Mapei, 800/426-2734, www.mapei.com.